

# NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

## EDELWEISS FIVE SETS FAST PACE

Mueller's Crew Increases Lead to Four Games By Winning Three From the Outings.

"DOC" LEADS WITH 584 SCORE

Ambitious FitzGibbon Team Strikes Snag in Harms Quintet—Cubs Lose Two to Martins.

Tri-City Standing.

	P.	W.	L.	Pct.
Edelweiss	33	23	10	.697
FitzGibbons	33	19	14	.576
Blackhawks	30	16	14	.533
Cross Country	30	15	14	.500
Cubs	33	15	18	.453
Martins	33	15	18	.455
Harms	33	14	19	.424
Outings	33	12	21	.364

Shooting successive games at a 900 clip, the Edelweiss five, leaders of the Tri-City Bowling league, took three straight from the Outings of Davenport last night at the Island City alleys. Captain "Doc" Mueller stepped to the front and led the boys with a total of 584 for three games, his 221 count being high on the alleys. As result of the victory the Edelweiss quintet is leading the FitzGibbon team, its nearest competitor, by four games.

The FitzGibbon five, which has been going at a whirlwind clip for nearly a month, struck a snag last night at the Hastings alleys, when they tackled the Harms five, losing two out of three games.

At the Blackhawk alleys in Davenport the Cubs of this city lost two out of three hard fought games to the Martins. Krabbenhoft's 226 count was high single game and Blischoff was close behind with 222. The Cross Country-Blackhawk match at the Harms alleys was postponed. The scores:

At Island City Alleys.

EDELWEISS.

Fredeen	160	181	181
Harney	156	190	168
Mueller	194	159	221
Johnson	203	208	136
Blener	150		
Salzmans	172	189	
Totals	902	920	892

OUTINGS.

Schmidt	179	164	159
Brownlie	170	182	160
Nohls	170	182	166
Battendorf	170	159	183
Burmester	163	173	127
Totals	845	824	771

At Hastings Alleys.

FITZGIBBONS.

Townsend	160	204	186
Carlson	163	178	159
Vierich	172	176	161
F. Erickson	148	167	187
Churchill	159	139	175
Totals	802	861	874

HARMS.

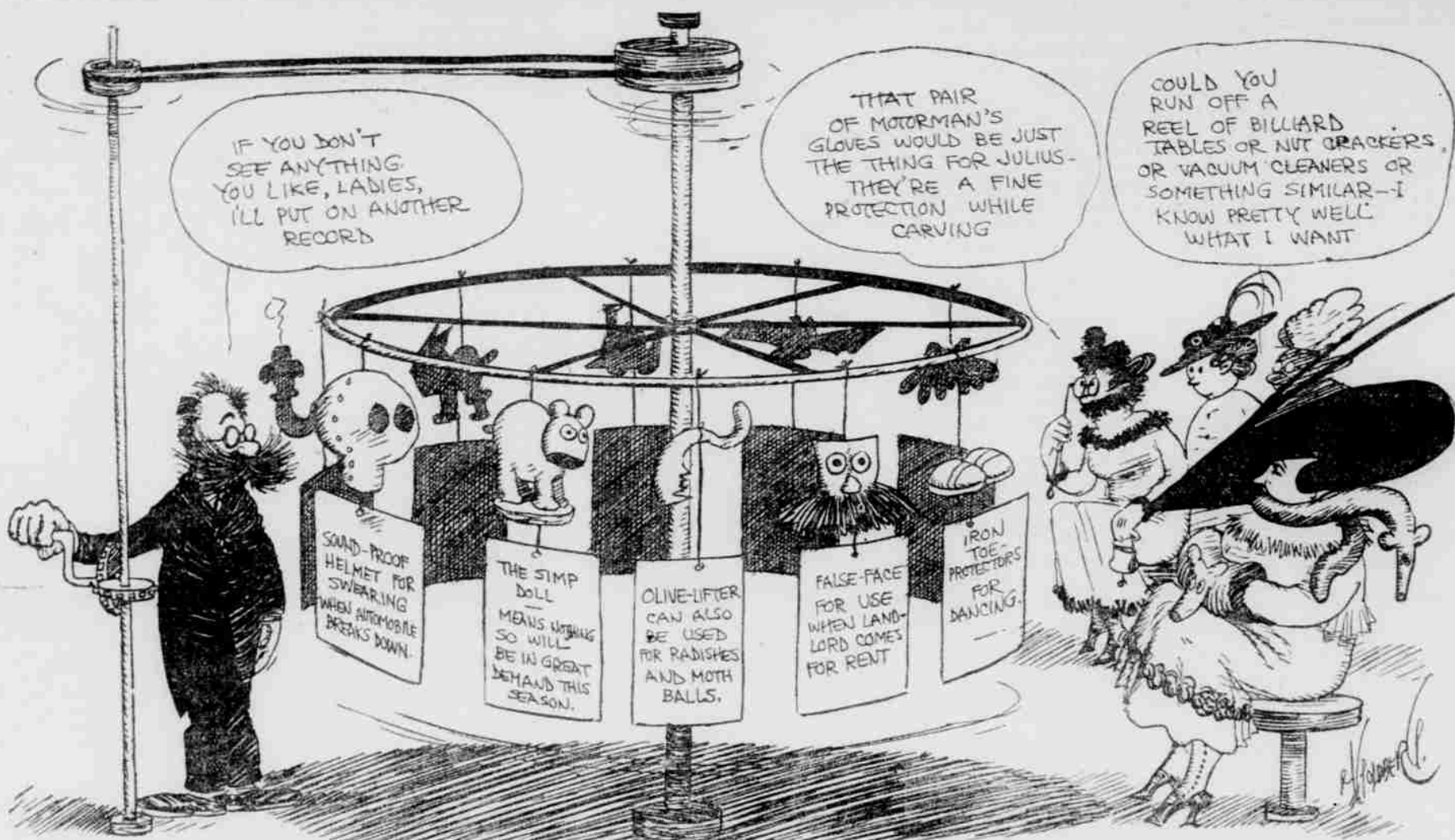
Jensen	191	183	165
Mason	138	174	199
Newman	164	149	186
L. Harms	187	178	173
Grams	192	141	194
Totals	872	825	917

At Blackhawk Alleys.

MARTINS.

Krabbenhoft	166	169	226
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SUGGESTION TO SAVE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS WORRY AND FATIGUE—By Goldberg



Bischoff .....	180	222	166
Crundall .....	180	159	188
Lohmiller .....	191	161	167
Holm .....	170	176	185

CUBS.

Bergman	202	158	183
H. Wich	194	167	200
Pietach	195	201	188
Stephen	156	167	168
J. H. Wich	150	154	185
Totals	898	847	926

At Harms Alleys.

Cross Country-Blackhawk game postponed.

CINCINNATI PLANS FOR NEW SPEEDWAY

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—Cincinnati is to have the fastest and safest automobile speedway in the country, according to A. J. Roberts, fiscal agent of the Cincinnati Speedway company, who closed the deal for a site at Sharon, Ohio, yesterday.

The course will be two miles in circumference and will be built of concrete and will be built of concrete and will be built of concrete.

The site takes in 330 acres and is reached by the C. H. and D. Big Four and Pennsylvania railroads and traction cars.

Roberts said a speed of 120 miles an hour or more is hoped for. Work will be started within a short time and it is planned to hold the first meeting July 4.

## KANSAS CITY FEDS AT LAST SEE LIGHT

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Stockholders of the defunct Kawfeds are wondering how much they will realize on baseball peace. The club owes the Federal league \$8,300, and forfeited the franchise because it could not raise that much cash.

It is believed the sale of Packer players will more than pay the debt to the league, and the stockholders expect to get what is left. Those expected to bring a good price are: Manager Stovall, Cullip, Parkard Main, Chief Johnson, Easterly, Gilmore and Kenworthy.

## GREEK DEMON TAKES ON IVAN MICHAELLOFF

Chicago, Dec. 24.—William Demetral vs. Ivan Michaelloff and Louis Christensen vs. Paul Martinson will furnish the double roundup of the mat show to be staged at the Haymarket theatre tonight. It will be a sort of an elimination contest, the winners meeting to battle Alex Aberg here after Jan. 1.

## BOOKERS VS. HARVARD

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 24.—It was stated here yesterday that Indiana university will be asked to take one of the two vacant places on the Harvard football schedule for 1916. The dates not yet filled include Oct. 14 and 21.

## WINNER HANDED THE BOOT; SORE

Pitted Owner Mad as a Hornet Says His Personal Losses Will Reach \$100,000.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 24.—"Whenever I get kicked out of an organization it is time for me to quit, and that is what I am going to do as regards the Federal league. I was willing to string along until the league became a paying proposition, but when my associates saw fit to feather their own nests and drop me overboard I decided in my own mind that baseball politics was too much for me, and so I am out. I do not want a franchise of any kind, either major or minor, and as soon as I have sold my players I want to forget that I was ever in the baseball ownership game."

So said Edward W. Gwinner, president of the late Pittsburgh Federal league club yesterday, when he arrived home from the peace conference at Cincinnati. It was given out at headquarters that he received \$50,000 to pay for improvements made at a local park and was told to get the best price possible for his players.

Gwinner has 16 men under contract for next year, whose salaries amount to over \$50,000, and unless he can dispose of them before the season opens he will have to give them away to be released from paying their salaries.

Gwinner figures his personal losses at over \$100,000.

## WITH THE BOXERS

New York, Dec. 24.—Tom Cowler, Jim Corbett's heavy-weight protegee, tossed them in from every angle in his 10-round victory over Porky Flynn. Flynn managed to stay, but his maul occupation was blocking Cowler's wallop for his jaw.

Eddie Cnmp the maulant-weight phantom, will be one of the main fight attractions Christmas day. The comic boy will box Tommy Touley in a bout scheduled for 10 rounds.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Knockout Brown will be substituted for Milburn Saylor against Ever Hammer in the Gary fight Dec. 29, it was announced yesterday. Brown will leave New York Sunday. Phil Harrison and Mike Hirsch will also appear on the card, as will Jack Nails and Harry Long.

New York, Dec. 24.—Jim Flynn, the fighting freeman of Pueblo, arrived here yesterday from Excelsior Springs, Mo., to complete training for his bout with Battling Levinsky in the Broadway Athletic club Christmas day.

From Levinsky's headquarters comes the report that the battler is in fine trim. Levinsky appears to be the favorite with the ring fans here.

Cleveland, Dec. 24.—Johnny Kilbane of this city, feather-weight champion, and George Chaney of Baltimore will battle 15 rounds for the title in Baltimore March 17.

Henry Bletzer, Chaney's manager, and Jim Dunn, who pilots Kilbane, signed articles for the match last night. Dunn accepting Bletzer's offer of \$5,500, with the privilege of 40 per cent of the gate.

Billy Rocap, Philadelphia sporting writer, was agreed upon as referee. The weight will be 122 pounds ring-side. A forfeit of \$1,000 will be posted with Rocap for weight and appearance. The bout will be staged by Sam Harris, Baltimore promoter.

New Castle, Pa., Dec. 24.—Young Gradwell of Newark, N. J., drew with Tony Zill of Youngstown, Ohio, here Wednesday night in 10 rounds. Bets were cashed at a draw although some writers gave Gradwell a shade.

## NOTED FIN RUNNER WEDS IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 24.—Hannes Kohlen, the Finnish long distance runner, will not let mere matrimony interfere with his plans to run in the senior cross-country championships here Jan. 5. The famous Finn was married last night to Miss Alma Johnson, 20, of New York.

## TRENTINO MAY BE OBJECTIVE OF NEXT ITALIAN OFFENSIVE



Intimations of a possible renewal of the Italian offensive in the Trentino, this time from the west, are contained in the latest official bulletins from Vienna. It is admitted that Austrian outposts have been driven in in the Guldcaria Valley, west of Lake Garda.

The first Italian attacks in this region came straight up the Adige Valley from the south, taking Ala, but were stopped just south of Rovereto. Other attacks from the east made only slight progress. Within the last few months, however, the Italians have been working their way toward Riva from the west, and now, apparently, are on the move along this whole western flank, toward Trent.

## FRED FULTON IS NOW REAL HERO IN MOVIE

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Fred Fulton proved his right to battle Jess Willard for the heavyweight championship of the world yesterday.

No heavyweight in modern times accomplished a feat such as Fulton put over shortly before dusk last night on the north side, for the ex-farmer boy, working his long arms like piston rods, knocked out 15 opponents, one right after the other in a saloon brawl.

It was probably the roughest battle a ring fighter ever took part in. After 10 minutes of battling his enemies Mrs. I. J. Wilmer.

were stretched on the floor and Fulton did not bear a mark.

P. S.—This happened at the studio of the American Bioscope company, 6242 Broadway, where Fulton is being featured in a three-reel drama entitled, "From Farmer Boy to Challenger for the Heavyweight Championship of the World." It was a part of the sketch, you know.

## ALEDO

Miss Elizabeth McCleight left Tuesday for Englewood, where she will spend a few days at the home of Mrs. H. E. Tibble.

Lloyd Willets left for Simms, Mont., where he will spend the remainder of the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Willets.

Mrs. L. S. Melendy and son LaVern left Tuesday for Milton, Wis., to spend a few weeks with relatives.

Miss Etta Leightner is spending this week with relatives in Salem and Winfield, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McKinney and daughters, Misses Hope and Marian, left Tuesday for Hammond, Ind., where they will visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Roscoe Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carroll accompanied their son Edwin to Rock Island, where Dr. Ostrom performed an operation on his left eye. His eye was seriously injured Sunday evening, when he was accidentally hit by a piece of ice.

The Aledo rest room, which has served the people of Aledo and surrounding country so acceptably for the past five years, will close in the early part of January. As there will be a rest room in connection with the new library, it is not thought necessary to continue the present rest room.

Mrs. Samuel Lathrop and little son Lee of Gary, Ind., came Saturday to visit Mrs. Lathrop's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McPherson.

Mrs. T. J. Stead went to Davenport Tuesday for a short visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lorimer and Mrs. Alvah Jay went to Chicago Monday, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Lorimer's daughter, Mrs. James Blake, and family.

Dr. A. C. Sells has returned from Ottawa, where he had accompanied Clarence Hall, who remained for treatment at the tent colony.

J. R. Guthrie, who has been spending a few days with his father, N. H. Guthrie, left Tuesday for Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Abercrombie and daughter Gertrude returned to their home in Chicago after visiting Mr. Abercrombie's father, J. H. Abercrombie.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boyles at their home northeast of Aledo, Dec. 19.

Mrs. O. C. Myatt and son went to Salem, Iowa, the last of the week to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. I. J. Wilmer.

## NO PLAYER LIMIT ON CHICAGO CUBS

St. Louis Americans Likewise Are Exempt From Provisions of Keeping Down Number of Men.

TINKER GETS NEWS ON PHONE

New Manager of Bruins Plans for Team With Weeghman Over the Wire—Stockholders in Meet.

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—The Chicago Nationals and the St. Louis Americans are exempt until the year 1917 from that provision under which organized baseball is now working, limiting the number of players of each team on May 20 of each year.

This is part of the baseball peace agreement that was signed here Wednesday night, according to August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission. Mr. Herrmann made this announcement last night when told that Harry Sinclair, one of the Federal league peace conferees, had stated that there would be no player limit in baseball next year.

In the National league the number of players limited to a team is 21, while in the American league the limit is fixed at 25.

"Unjust to Clubs."

"Owing to the combination and amalgamation of two clubs in the Federal league to a club in the National and one in the American league, we considered it unjust to ask these clubs to dispose of what would naturally be considered a large number of players," said Mr. Herrmann.

"I cannot say accurately, but I estimate that with the Chicago Cubs absorbing the Chicago Federals and the St. Louis Browns taking in the St. Louis Federals, each of these clubs will have close to fifty players at the present time."

"It would be unjust to ask them to dispose of such a large number as would be necessary in order to cut down to the limit under which organized baseball is now working. Therefore we gave them until 1917 to dispose of the surplus players."

Others Not Exempt.

When asked if any or all other clubs in the major leagues would be exempt from the limit, or the rule would be abrogated until 1917, Mr. Herrmann said, "absolutely no." Continuing, Mr. Herrmann said:

"The other 14 teams of the major leagues will go along in the same manner and observe the limit. In so far as I know, there is no movement on foot to do away with the limit rule. In the opinion of all baseball men it is an excellent rule, but circumstances made it necessary to give the new owners of the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Browns a fair chance to dispose of their surplus players."

Chicago, Dec. 24.—"There are not 21 players under iron-bound contracts on both teams," was the statement of Charles H. Weeghman, new owner of the Cubs, yesterday after a stockholders' meeting in his office in the Otis building. "This fact will simplify matters for Manager Tinker and give us a chance to strengthen our team if we don't think that we have strong enough talent now. To be sure of our position I am already negotiating for Lee Magee and Gene Packard."

The new O. B. magnate had hardly finished talking before Joe Tinker was asked to be let in on the news via the telephone. From the conversation on the Weeghman end of the line it was gathered that Joe had suggested still another player, as he was given the promise that Weeghman would go after the man at once.

## PACKER AFTER CUB PARK FOR CYCLISTS

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Where the crash of hickory on horsehide has charmed the sporting fraternity of our great west side for many years silently speeding cyclists may revolve in dizzying circles next summer. Packer McFarland, brewer-pugilist-landlord, and Thomas P. Convey are after a lease on the west side park to build an outdoor bicycle track where the six-day game can languish through the dog days as well as in winter.

This was yesterday's development in the latest sport war, featuring Patrick T. Harmon versus McFarland and Convey. These two factions are battling for the right to extract the coin of the realm from the pockets of our fellow citizens.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## "SPIRITS" IN COFFINS SOMETIMES TURN OUT TO BE "BOOZE"



Spirits in coffins have had Tennessee legal authorities guessing. The "medium" in the case was a coffin company of Chattanooga. The company claims no supernatural powers. It was simply medium of distribution. Neither were the spirits of the ethereal variety. They were the substantial kind, commonly known as "booze".

An employee evidently thought he was doing nothing wrong—although

he didn't tell the boss—to use the spirits as a stimulant to the coffin industry in dry territory, as a few quarts sometimes were included as "bag-napies" in coffins shipped to customers. The federal authorities could not see it exactly that way, however, especially since the coffins were made up of "live ones."

The new form of the old game of bootlegging, varieties of which are

said to be increasing, was unearthed by Inspector Webster Spates of the department of justice, Washington.

Careful investigation of the spirits by several well qualified officers is said to have confirmed the fact that it was real whisky, similar to the variety which led the little mouse to want to hunt up the cat and the proverbial rabbit to spit in the bull-dog's eye.

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